

Baraboo Public Art Association

**MINUTES**

July 23, 2020

1. Zoom meeting called to order by Stelling at 4:04 p.m. **Also present:** Geick, Huffaker, McArthur, Palm, Shelton, Spring, Watson. **Sending regrets:** Rabska.
2. Palm moved to accept the agenda, Geick seconded; motion carried.
3. Huffaker moved to accept minutes of the May 31 e-motion and June 25 Zoom meeting. Shelton seconded; motion carried.
4. Treasurer's report. Chalk artists were paid. No other transactions. Motion by Shelton to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by Geick; motion carried.
5. Nothing new regarding possible grants or funding sources.

**OLD BUSINESS/Project Reports**

6. **Website and QR codes.** Stelling has not been able to reach Mike Pullen regarding website.
7. McArthur continues to add **quilt squares**. No work yet on **sign panel** for second set of portraits.
8. Target date for **new elephant sculpture** dedication is Saturday, September 19 at 2 p.m. Names for donor plaque need to include Community First Bank, Sauk Co. AHHP, Forest Hartman. Need to order plaque in August.
9. Work on **Geick Gardens**, including solar lighting, will resume in spring 2021.
10. **Youth Mural.** Spring and Stelling submitted Good Idea Grant for \$500 for a stipend for the lead artist.
11. McArthur reported on conversation with "**Lady Eleanor Evermor**". The conversation is open for acquiring new pieces from the Evermor sculpture park.
12. Discussion re: **Baribeau sculpture**. In June Palm had described the clay model work done by Homer Daehn. Unfortunately, this is probably not a good time for this piece. We would, however, like to extend recognition to Homer for his efforts. Palm and Geick will draft a letter to be signed by Stelling indicating our appreciation and extending a payment of \$1000 with the understanding that acceptance of the payment equals BPAA ownership of the image. Motion by Palm, seconded by McArthur; motion carried.

**13. PLANNING SESSION**

- a. Huffaker asked the board to review the BPAA **mission** and consider our philosophy regarding **multiculturalism**. What would that look like? Discussion: It includes honoring the Ho Chunk. We can recruit new board members, seeking greater diversity.
- b. Discussion regarding Spirit Island, where the new walking bridge crosses the Baraboo River. The property is a historic site controlled by the State. Baraboo has a long-term lease. A sculpture could go there but it would have to be able to be moved.
- c. **What do we already have in hand?** In the Google Doc held by Watson we have:
  - i. List of **existing Baraboo artworks** and locations
  - ii. List of **prospective sites**
  - iii. First draft Wish List of **project ideas 2020**
  - iv. A first draft of **prospective donors** (Huffaker)

- v. List of **strong allies**: Sauk Co Historical Society, Greater Sauk Co Community Foundation, Circus World, Leopold Foundation; International Crane Foundation; City of Baraboo; DBI (Downtown Baraboo Inc); Baraboo High School; BID; Sauk County Arts and Humanities; UW Extension; Sauk Co. Art Association. Others?
  - vi. **Financial assets**: \$16,900 in checking and \$10,245 in Foundation.
  - vii. **Completed artworks** now held by the City in the value of \$109,400.
  - d. What do we see happening **by December 2025**?
    - i. Our selection of projects needs to fit with what we can do. Small projects, like the Chalk Art event, are helpful for keeping our name in public view. We like to have the **balance** of a major, complex piece balanced with small, whimsical things.
    - ii. Our current mode of **one large and a few small each year** seems to work.
    - iii. McArthur: The anonymous gift through the Foundation is **a test** for us to see if we have or can develop the infrastructure we need to have in place to raise necessary funds for major art works.
  - e. Discussion regarding Foundation **challenge gift**. Make this the focus of our August meeting. We need to start with a press release and acknowledgement of the gift. Huffaker noted we need to have a plan and demonstrate buy in from our own board.
14. Long term planning and Great Sauk Trail artwork. Invite Lindsay to talk with us this winter.
15. **RECAP** – Who is going to do what by next meeting?
- a. Shelton and McArthur to check with Robin Whyte regarding language for press release regarding BPAA joining the Greater Sauk Co Community Foundation
  - b. Huffaker get elephant donor names to Stelling who will order the plaque from Supreme Awards
  - c. Spring to pass along photos of Youth Mural
  - d. Watson – Send thank you to the Rodgers, chalk artists
  - e. Geick and Palm – Thank you and check for Homer Daehn
  - f. Huffaker – Continue conversation with Kristin White Eagle regarding Ho Chunk artists and names of possible board member
  - g. McArthur – Check on extending deadline for AHHP final grant report (lead elephant)
16. Motion by Geick, seconded by Watson to adjourn at 5:08 pm. Motion carried.